

39. (New) The detergent composition according to claim 38, wherein the  $\alpha$ -amylase is obtained from an alkalophilic *Bacillus* species, and comprises the following amino sequence in the N-terminal: His-His-Asn-Gly-Thr-Asn-Gly-Thr-Met-Met-Gln-Tyr-Phe-Glu-Trp-Tyr-Leu-Pro-Asn-Asp.
40. (New) The detergent compositions according to Claim 1 further comprising an  $\alpha$ -amylases having a specific activity at least 25% higher than the specific activity of Termamyl<sup>®</sup> at a temperature range of 25°C to 55°C and at a pH value in the range of 8 to 10, measured by the Phadebas<sup>®</sup>  $\alpha$ -amylase activity assay.
41. (New) The detergent composition according to Claim 1 further comprising a hydrotrope.
42. (New) The composition according to Claim 1 further comprising a builder.
43. (New) The detergent composition according to Claim 1 further comprising one or more detergents adjuncts selected from the following: soil release polymers, polymeric dispersants, polysaccharides, abrasives, bactericides, tarnish inhibitors, builders, enzymes, dyes, perfumes, thickeners, antioxidants, processing aids, suds boosters, buffers, antifungal or mildew control agents, insect repellants, anti-corrosive aids, chelants, and mixtures thereof.
44. (New) A method of bleaching fabrics, said method comprises administering an effective amount of the composition according to Claim 10 to fabric in need of bleaching.
45. (New) A method of cleaning fabrics, said method comprises administering an effective amount of the composition to Claim 10 to fabric in need of cleaning.
46. (New) A method of washing tableware said method comprising contacting soiled tableware in need of cleaning with an aqueous solution of the composition according to Claim 13.

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#### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

The support for these amendments is found in the claims and specification as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR 1.75. No new matter is added. Claims 1 and 10 thru 46 are now pending in this application.

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**VERSION WITH MARKED UP CHANGES**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A [granular laundry] detergent composition comprising:
  - a) a capped nonionic surfactant with an X/Y number greater than 1.00;
  - b) [a] an optional conventional detergent additive; [and]
  - c) [a] an optional co-surfactant;
  - d) an optional aqueous liquid carrier; and
  - e) adjunct ingredients;

[wherein the composition is in the form of a granule with a bulk density of from 100 g/l to 1400 g/l] wherein said capped nonionic surfactant is selected from the group of compounds, including mixtures of compounds, described by C<sub>x</sub>E<sub>0</sub>yB<sub>0</sub>z; wherein x is 8 to 16; y is 4 to 14; z is less than or equal to 2.

Claims 2-9 have been canceled without prejudice.

New Claims 10-46 have been added.